

Sixth health fair to feature booths, visit by helicopter

The sixth annual Health Fair sponsored by the Decatur County Health Department is just around the corner.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 16, at The Gateway.

Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin said on Tuesday and Wednesday, her office took blood from 140 people in preparation for the fair. She said that is about the same number they did last year.

The blood test results will be reviewed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the day of the fair. Things that are tested for include electrolytes, blood sugar, liver and kidney function, cholesterol and thyroid. She said the test costs \$20.

Men also had the chance to do the prostate specific antigen blood test for an additional \$20.

Ms. Gamblin said they have a lot of people take part in the blood test every year, but they also had about the same number who had never done it before.

This year, the fair will have around 25 booths, she said. Some of those include:

- Parents as Teachers.

- Kansas State University Extension Office with safety.
- High Plains Mental Health.
- Decatur County Farm Bureau with food and nutrition.
- Lifetime Eye Care doing glaucoma screenings.
- Brenda Arnold with child safety seats.
- Free to Know with breast exam information.

A helicopter ambulance from Kearney, Neb., is to make an appearance in the parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ms. Gamblin said the Decatur County ambulance crew and fire department will have trucks at the fair.

There will be bone scans done at The Gateway that day for \$20.

The Lions Club will be selling lunch starting at 11 a.m. Ms. Gamblin said the proceeds will go either for scholarships or kids for band camps.

Ms. Gamblin said it is a good time for people to learn about health and safety, pick up their lab results and get a bone scan. The event doesn't cost anything and is open to all age groups.



AN OBERLIN COUPLE, Jay and Ann Anderson, admired the Australian pine tree they purchased to be planted in the cemetery. The tree was planted Monday afternoon.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Cemetery to receive new trees

The city has sold the 10 trees they planned to plant at the cemetery, plus two more.

Sexton Nan Stanley said she ordered 10 trees, including Kentucky coffee trees, Austrian pines, golden rain trees and one other. She sold the 10 and there were still people interested in planting a memorial tree at the cemetery, she said.

The city sold two others to plant

in the new section of the cemetery. Ms. Stanley said she already had trees in that section to care for and two more wouldn't hurt.

Over the years, around 58 trees have been taken out of the cemetery, she said, and very few have been replaced.

The city would like to replace all of them.

She said people can buy the trees

and have them planted in memory of their loved ones.

Families can purchase a dedication plaque at Custom Trophy and Engraving to place in front of their tree.

Ms. Stanley said anyone still interested in buying a tree for the cemetery can call the city office at 475-2217. She said they are taking orders for next year.

Boys get tickets in crash

Two 15-year-old boys got tickets for driving in violation of restrictions on their driver's licenses when one stopped to avoid hitting a dog and the other ran into his car.

Police said Riley Cochran was driving a 1991 Plymouth Voyager west on Commercial Street, just outside of town when a dog ran out in front of the vehicle. He hit the brakes, which locked up, and the car started to slide sideways. Brock Euhus was behind him in a 1996 Mazda pickup and didn't stop in time. He hit the rear of the Voyager.

The accident took place around 9:10 p.m. on Thursday, March 25. There was over \$500 damage to both cars. Chief Wade Lockhart said Mr. Euhus also got a ticket for following too closely.

Criminal damage reported after an altercation at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch on Friday, March 26, where two boys got into a fight in the school and damaged a few computers, has turned into a felony. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said one of the computers needs to be replaced, which will cost \$1,059, making the crime a felony.

Unloading materials



WITH WOOD IN HIS HANDS, Kevin Brown, owner of Sappa Valley Construction, helped unload materials to build a new shop and office for his business on U.S. 83 just north of town.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Ambulance needs volunteers

With several holes in the April schedule for the ambulance crew in Oberlin, Decatur County commissioners and the ambulance director talked about what to do last Tuesday morning.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said he will probably have to call in volunteers from Jennings to help in April, since there is no one in Oberlin who would be able to help. Several volunteers are on the schedule practically every day, he said.

He said the state requires the ambulance to have two technicians on the schedule at all times.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch asked if the ambulance service

could have people signed up to drive who aren't certified.

Yes, said Mr. Pomeroy, but there still has to be two technicians or a first responder and a technician in the ambulance for it to move with a patient in it.

In this rural area, asked Commissioner Ralph Unger, would it be better to have a patient loaded and wait for another technician or is it better to get a driver and one technician?

Mr. Pomeroy said he would take a person with a driver's license, cardiopulmonary resuscitation card and strong back and use them.

"It just isn't legal," said Mr. Hirsch.

Mr. Pomeroy said he could go to

Topeka and ask for a variance, which the county would probably get. Mr. Unger said it would probably be only a short-term solution.

In the paper this week is a letter stating that Linda Manning, who has served as a technician for years, will no longer be working for the department. Mr. Pomeroy said he respects Ms. Manning's decision. She served the county for a number of years and he wishes her the best of luck.

The commissioners held a 15-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with Mr. Pomeroy. They extended it for another 15 minutes and then for 10.

There was no action taken.

Museum plans scrapbook work day

Get out the stacks of pictures you have been meaning to do something with all year and get ready for a scrapbook work day at the Old Bohemian Hall at the Decatur County Museum on Saturday, May 1.

Megan Carter, a member of the museum board, said the event will be a fund raiser for the museum, but

also is a day to put together your books.

Registration fee is \$25 if paid before Saturday, April 24, and \$30 after that. It includes lunch, beverages and snacks.

Mrs. Carter said there is limited space, so register early. Call her at 475-8920 or the museum at 475-

2712.

Mrs. Carter said there will be scrapbook vendors selling materials and she said they are still looking for vendors. The fee is \$50. Anyone interested can call her or the museum.

The work day will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All money raised will go to the museum.

Incumbents file for August primary election

Four incumbents from Decatur County have filed for the upcoming election.

Commissioners Doyle Brown

and Ralph Unger, Sheriff Ken Badsky and Magistrate Judge John Bremer have all filed for re-election.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who

serves as the county election officer, said Judge Bremer has filed with her, although his petition has to be certified through the Secretary of State's office and that hasn't been done yet.

The deadline to file is Thursday, June 10. The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 3, and the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Restaurants open Sunday

Those planning to eat out for Easter dinner in Oberlin on Sunday will find the Red Crown, Frontier Restaurant, A&W, Pizza Hut and Crossroads Express open.

The LandMark Inn and Raye's Grocery will be closed.

Jaguar draws man's attention

A trucker did a doubletake Friday when a light blue Jaguar heading east on U.S. 83 outside of Rexford passed him and he noticed two youths in the back seat in handcuffs.

The driver called the Kansas Highway Patrol and reported what he had seen.

The patrol relayed the call to Oberlin dispatch. Around 12:24 p.m., the Jaguar passed Decatur County Undersheriff Michael

French near the county line. Undersheriff French stopped the vehicle.

He said he stopped the car to check. He said the driver told him he was working with Security Transport out of Deerfield and was taking one of the juveniles to the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch.

Undersheriff French said he reviewed documents the man had and they appeared to be valid. The Jaguar was registered to the company.

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